

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, an abstract is added. The abstract is based on the abstract in the published PCT application (WO 2004/020029 A1). In addition, claims 1-28 are amended to delete multiple dependent claims and to delete reference numerals. Also, the phrase "characterized in that" is changed to "wherein". Accordingly, claims 1-28 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being an independent claim. No new matter has been added.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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